

## REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5, and 8-9 have been amended. On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings as allegedly failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5), as they include a reference character not identified in the description of Applicants' specification, in particular, element number 121 of FIG. 5. Applicants have amended the specification to identify the reference number. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

On page 3 of the Office Action, claim 5 was objected to due to the claim allegedly being "not grammatically correct." Applicants have amended claim 5. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

On page 4 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 4-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,805,163 (Bagnas).

Bagnas is directed to a method, apparatus, and article of manufacture for graphically displaying information in a transparent window on a display attached to a computer without obscuring the information already graphically displayed in the transparent windows. In the first embodiment, information is graphically displayed in a first window on a display, and is viewable through a transparent second window that is also displayed.

In contrast to Bagnas, the present invention discloses an object display device that comprises a visibility determining unit that determines whether a first object to be handled in a window on a screen hides a second object that has been displayed in the window on the screen and an appearance changing unit that changes, depending on determination by the visibility determining unit, appearance of the first object so that the second object becomes visible. Therefore, Bagnas does not anticipate independent claims 1, 8, and 9 of the present invention, as Bagnas fails to disclose the above-identified feature of the claims.

As dependent claims 2 and 3 depend from independent claim 1, claims 2 and 3 via claim 1, are patentable over Bagnas, as Bagnas fails to disclose or suggest the above-identified feature of the claims.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

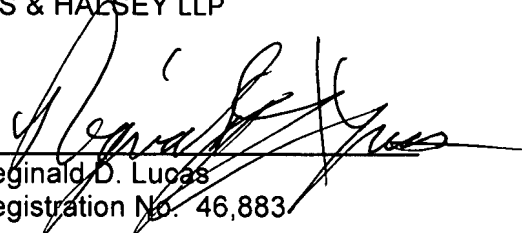
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